Interesting Holiday News

Beginning Wednesday This Store Will Be Open Evenings Until Christmas

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Our Children's Department has many unusually good things to offer you this season. Bring the children with you to see them. Please place your orders early as possible and arrange for deliveries so we can properly take care of you during this busy period.

You miss a treat if you don't place this busy store on your Christmas shopping list.

1149 MAIN ST., CORNER ELM ST.=

ford, Dec. 17-The high cost material coupled with the high con asked by skilled help, does not to dampen the building activiin Stratford. This is disclosed by the fact that the building permits issued by Building Inspector William my for the past week have more othin the past two months. The ate amount of permits issued at week was \$18,200. They were as T. Parsons, Blakeman Rame house, \$2,800; Thomas North Main street, frame gares, \$200; Catherine Boddy, Windsor Bridgeport avenue, frame se, \$3,000; Bertha Grobofsky, Bur-Godolphia, North ia, North avenue, frame a, \$100; Dorothy W. Smith, Paton avenue frame house, \$3,500; 2:30 o'clock until 5 o'clock. er Bowers, Third street, addi. on to home, \$400; Joseph A. Troland, ed street, addition to house, \$300; an Dockand, East street, frame a, \$2,500; John Unfried, Hillside addition to house, \$700; Louis allo, Surf avenue, addition to handsome wrist watch. s, \$1,200; Louis Sorchiote, Ray street, frame house, \$750.

Red Cross Campaign. A campaign for the purpose of gaining new members, raising more ey and making it a real Red es Christmas for all, was instituted

Stratford Men to Depart. On next Tuesday morning, 36 young men from the 13th division, which in-listes the town of Easton, Weston, ambull, Shelton, Monroe, Westport,

DON'T FUSS WITH

are's no sense in mixing a mess of ustard, flour and water when you can uslly relieve pain, soreness or stiffness ith a little clean, white Musterole. Musterole is made of pure oil of mus-ed and other helpful ingredients, comned in the form of the present white name of it takes the place of out-of-te mustard plasters, and will not blister. Musterole usually gives prompt relief on sore throat, bronchitis, tonsilitis, oup, stiff neck, astima, neuralgia, head-the congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism. congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, ago, pains and aches of the back or a sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chils, frosted feet, colds of the chest



the and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.

The boys will leave from Bridgeport ing chairman of the board. Of this number it is expected that between 12 and 15 will be taken from Strat-ford, although no definite announcement to this effect has been made as Preparations are now being made by the Citizens' committee, the board of selectmen and the local chapter of the Red Cross to give the other, some people think there is no try.

Stratford boys a fitting farewell. Each room left for the Christmas message Switzerland had believed that its man will be presented with a sweat- of Peace on earth. Yet there have measures the requirement of a bond er, comfort kit, tobacco and lunch. It been wars in all ages, and the Christ- from those who had fled to the rewas the intention of the selectmen to mas spirit has survived them all. The public to escape military duty, enforhave the Stratford boys entrain at the present war is on a bigger scale than ced labor on internment in case of * of the nation's organization for * local station. If this plan was car- any previous one, but there is no more undesirable conduct, etc., were un-

be announced tomorrow. Christmas, Sale, The Mission League of the Stratford idea. Congregational church, will hold a

Enlisted.

Charles E. DuCharme of Colony street, enlisted in the Ordnance department as production clerk. . Prior are going to be removed. to his departure he was the recipient of many gifts among them being a fear to carry, it will be hard for some refusing military service to their re-

Chief Nichols Rejected.

who enlisted in the ordnance depart- rifice. ay evening at a meeting of the strict board of the local chapter of the blicity, Warren Beach; Red Cross vote of the selectmen taken at a speoths, Mrs. Warren Hastings, house cial meeting of that board last week. canvas, Mrs. David L. No successor was appointed and the town fathers decided not to fill the vacancy until his return. He assumed his duties as chief of the police force today.

Off for Devens.

Capt. Harry A. Burnes, who recent-

Farewell Party. A farewell party was recently ten-

tonio, Texas, in a few days, CORTEZ C. ROCKWELL, plumbing tence of five years in the penitentiary and heating; jobbing a specialty, 3051 at Jefferson City was imposed yester-Main and Hillside avenue. Stratford 326-2 B10*tf

Vineland, N. J., Dec. 15,-J. E. Abbott, division fire warden, who has his tending to discourage obedience to the the state here, reports 55 forest fires during the dear hunting season, the largest tract burned over being 4,000 price tags from bargain Christmas presents, but those bought at regular tractions are always inadvertently left.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word on

APPLES, ORANGES, NAME COMMITTEE FIGS AND PRUNES TO SELL THRIFT

Are The Four Fruits Used in Making "Fruit-a-tives

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" is the only medicine in the world that is made from the julees of fresh ripe fruits. Thus, it is manifestly anfair to say, "I won't take Fruit-a-tives because I have tried other remedies and they did me no good". On the other hand, the fact that "Fruit-a-tives" is entirely different from any other preparation in the world, is just why you should give it a fair trial, in any trouble of the Stomach, Liver, Bowels, Kidneys or Skin. "Fruit-a-tives',' is composed of the active principle of fruit and the greatest nerve tonic ever discovered. 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ogdensburg, N. Y .- Adv.

THRIFT STAMPS AS GIFTS FROM

The gift of a 25 cent thrift stamp o every employe of each corporation. manufacturing establishment or business house is the practical start on the ey, Connecticut Director of the War Savings Commitee, has proposed to employers throughout this state.

It is a certainty this will be done by some of the largest and best known concerns in the state, as their names are already on Cheney's lists as supporters of the plan as outlined. If the lead of these is followed there will result a general distribution of thrift stamps and thrift cards which will union, but it is not at all expected that help wonderfully in the spreading of he will be charged with the distribu-

Mr. Cheney, any one of which will be turer and a merchant. The object of the committee is to bring about as for the employer to give each em- broad and general a distribution of ploye a thrift card bearing one 25 stamps as is possible. cent stamp. The second is for the cent stamp. The second is for the employer to agree to provide the sixteenth stamp which is necessary better that the stamp will be enlarged from time to time. At present Mrs. William T. fore the thrift card with the addition Hincks is the only woman member of a few cents, may be exchanged for Others may be added. In any even a \$5 thrift stamp. The third is for the committee will operate very large. the employer to pay the final amount ly through sub-committees of which when the thrift stamp is filled with a great number will be formed, the required sixteen stamps. Of these plans Mr. Cheney believes that th first is the most desirable, as thus the employe will be started in his thrift campaign, and will be given every in centive to continue.

Cheney, after conferences with many leading manufacturers and others, argues that 25 cents per employe is a moderate price to pay for the good will to all parties which will result. according to Judge Joseph Hyatt, act. tively small, and the benefits to the government, employer, and employe will be tremendous.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND THE WORLD WAR

ried out, a large parade, such as has suffering. From all these conflicts usually lenient, and regret has been * informative as the exigencies of * been the custom when the three the world has emerged the stronger. expressed in many quarters that the three former contingents left, was to be Wrongs and abuses have been put an powers that she had not seen fit to held. The names of the draftees will end to. It will be so this time. So tree with hearts full of hope for the on here as a necessary evil, eventual triumph of the Christmas

The Christmas message of peace Christmas sale at Packard hall, Broad may be near realisation. It must dawn broadcast through Switzerland a restreet. Wednesday afternoon, from on the hearts of men after this war, solution which calls the attention of that some better way of settling dis- the Socialist party to denunciation of construction with a speed of 11 knots putes can be formed. When the na- deserters, declares that the measures an hour. It was finished just 78 tions that started this conflict learn taken to control deserters here are days after the laying of the keel and the truth, some of the causes of war caused by the "capitualistic charac- was the first ship to be completed or

homes to have a light hearted Christ- spective countries may strengthen the mas. But the human spirit rises to anti-miliary spirit among the work-William B. Nichols, formerly chief given their boys to the country's ser-

because of physical disabilities. In so far as one makes other people here would be embraced by them. best mood for all of us is this simple popular than ever by espousing the faith of childhood, which trusts the cause of the deserters. powers above to make all well.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

General Simon Bolivar, "the Libera-Pairfield, Stratford, Huntington, Newtown, will depart for Fort Wright.

Devens, Ayer, Mass., where he will be immediately placed in service. He entered Plattsburg in July and after three mounts, intensive treining training tr three months' intensive training, was George Washington of South Ameriawarded a captaincy. He has been visiting his family on Main street for the past two weeks. Capt. Burnes was to form the republic of Colombia, of pers join in vying with another in tion, called after him, Bolivia.

It is interesting to recall at the their action. same time that the first act in the night before his departure and pre-sented him with a wrist watch. Mr. adopted an ordinance of withdrawal Vogel expects to leave for San An- from the union.

> Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 15 .- A sen-Phone day by Judge Martin J. Wade of Des Moines on Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hara, convicted of making utterances in a speech at Bowman, N. D., last summer

Prominent Men and Women To Take Charge of Pushing New Loans.

mittee for taking up the campaign for the sale of War Savings certificates and Thrift stamps in this city. It is composed of representative men, and it is expected that the sale of these loan tokens will be energetically pushed in Bridgeport. The committee is made up with an

attempt to be as thoroughly representative as possible. The names and representative capacities follow: Rev. Alexander Alison, Protestant lergyman.

E. H. Dillon, merchant, Charles F. Greene, postmaster. Elmer H. Havens, Hunter & Haens. director of Chamber of Com-

Maud Morris Hincks (Mrs. Wm. T. Hincks) representing Woman's Council of Defense. William T. Hincks, Hincks Bros. &

Rev. Matthew Judge, Catholic cler-

Jasper McLevy, Socialist leader. Charles G Sanford, President, First Bridgeport National Bank. Samuel J. Slawson, Superintendent

of Schools. William B. Spencer, President Bridgeport Elastic Fabric Co. Hon Clifford B. Wilson, Mayor. Martin L. Kane, Business Agent Carpenters' Union.

It is not expected that each mem ber shall be in any way responsible for the distribution of stamps to the onnection which he represents, For instance, there is a banker on the committee, but he is no more chargeable with the distribution of stamp among banks than any other. Like wise there is the business agent of : the war savings idea in Connecticut. tion of the stamps among the labor Three plans have been suggested by organizations, similarly of a manufac

Zurich, Dec. 17 .- All Switzerland is mazed at the audacity of some four hundred deserters from various adoining countries who, in solemn conclave, have protested violently against the measures recently adopted by the authorities for controlling the unde-With all Christendom fighting each sizable stranger element in the coun-

take sharper steps against a stratum we can meet around our Christmas of the population which is looked up-

The Zurich deserters, however, many if not most of them of the anarchistic type, have adopted and sent ter" of the state, and are due to fear With all this burden of sorrow and lest the example of the deserters in

The deserters recommended that of the Stratford police department, vice have the inspiration of noble sac- the problem be solved, not by laws against the deserters or for their conment last week as an electrician, was The Christmas of 1917 should be trol, but by the alteration of existing she is loaded, and 450 freight cars rejected Friday at Fort Slocum, N. Y., full of the loving and giving spirit.

bold at the Christ church parish house.

Rev Ernest C. Carpenter, pastor of the Stratford Methodist church, was moted as campaign manager. The bold at the Christ church parish house. Stratford Methodist church, was moted as campaign manager. The which he held prior to his department, which he held prior to his department, will be returned him, according to a will be returned him, according to a vote of the salestwan taken at the better formics of the solesings, he can the better formics of the matter at once and do all in its power to solve the foreigner question. The sorrow and fear of the world do not touch them. They will be returned him, according to a vote of the salestwan taken and the better formics of the matter at once and do all in its power to solve the foreigner question. The sorrow and fear of the world do not touch them. They will seat their drums and toss their doils them of the violent, semi-anarchistic touch and the solve the foreigner question and the better formics of the matter at once and do all in its power to solve the foreigner question. The sorrow and fear of the world do not touch them. They will be returned him, according to a sift the world were all care free when a solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the matter at once and do all in its power to solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the solve the foreigner question at the better formics of the solve the foreigner at the solve t as if the world were all care free. The type, have made themselves more un-

Aside from the resentment which the conservative press and citizenship express at the action of undesirable or at least uninvited guests in Switzer land in attempting to dictate the tor of South America, and first presi- treatment which they shall receive, dent of Venezuela, Boltvia and Peru, the affair arouses the gravest fears

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Musterole Works Easier, Quicker and Was a large stockholder in the Stratford Trust and New Granada, which united and all but the radical Socialistic papers form the republic of Colombia, of which he was chosen the first president, in 1819. Afterwards he achieved their denunciation of them. "Impudent, in 1819. Afterwards he achieved their denunciation of them. "Trust of the independence of Peru, its upper district being made a separate nation, called after him. Reliving the Reliving Co.

dered Walter Vogel, of Nichols avenue, who enlisted in the signal corps at Fort Slocum, N. Y. About 30 of his friends gathered at his home the The raccoon, which weighed coon. 26 pounds, became confused as it leaped in front of Barton's car and the wheels passed over it before it

> William P. Larkin, Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, was given yesterday a check for \$1,000 by Henry L. Joyce, foreman of the third panel of the Sheriff's jury. This con tribution is to be added to the \$3,000. 000 fund for welfare work among the soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States.

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Scarcely a Day Passes But What a New Craft Is Finished and Launched Coast-Monster Program Is This Nation's Answer to Kalser's Submarine Challenge

This is the third article of a series on America's war preparations, secured from federal officials by the Publicity Commit-* tee of the Connecticut State * Council of Defense for publica-* tion in Connecticut newspapers.

On the last Saturday in November an event of great military importance occurred in Seattle. A ship was launched-a big 8,800 ton merchant ship-of standardized steel a contract let by the government's Emergency Fleet Corporation

It-or she-is only one of 54 vessels of exactly her size that are under contract. In comparison with the new U. S. S. Leviathan an 8,800 ton ship is small, yet some 450 freight cars must be emptied into her before and a half long.

In the preceding three weeks of November 13 other new ships were completed for the corporation. They ranged in size from 2,900 to 10,475 tons. They were a few of the ships being built in American yards on private account that were commandeered on August 4 for the govern-

Altogether 426 ships have been commandeered in order that work on them might be hastened. Of these 33 have been finished. They are full sized ships, averaging 7,800 tons. Most of the commandeered ships

are in an advanced stage of construction. Scarcely a day passes that does not see at least one of them added to the shipping resources of the allies. The first of the 375 wooden ships tracted for by the fleet corporation was only a few days behind the first of the steel ships in taking the water As soon as a ship is finished the fleet corporation turns it over to the parent organization, the Shipping

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lb 22e and 25e Evaporated Apples . . 25e lb

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Board. The fleet corporation is sim- | and is part of the regular equips board. It does not build ships itself, season, but it draws up plans, lets contracts Other ships still are intrusted to pri-

000,000. The Pennsylvania railroad possible by removal of the insulation from a few inches of the emergency is worth less than half as much.

Besides the 426 ships it has commandeered, the board is building, ships on its own contracts. Of these the receiving telephone, but instead through its fleet corporation, 884 551 are of steel construction, 375 of causes a screeching sound from a wood and 58 composite.

In the four months ending March 1, 1918, the fleet corporation expects to complete 1,000,000 tons of station telephone and is said to give shipping. That is as great a tonnage effective notice that someone is on the as the Hamburg-American Line pos-sessed the year before the war, and the Hamburg-American Line was the wonder of the shipping world. The total program of the corporation calls for 1,409 ships of a dead weight tonnage of 8,363.808, all to be completed by January 1, 1919.

Eight Hamburg-American Lines, all built in the space of two years. That, with the work of the destroy ers, is Uncle Sam's answer to the submarine challenge.

PORTABLE PHONE FOR WOODS

How Forest Ranger Can "Cut In" Anywhere on Long Lines.

A forest officer of Missov'a, Mont. has invented a very ingenious portable has been adopted by the government | script.

ply the construction agency of the of patrel in the national forests his

It is said that a field man equipped and watches and hastens construc- with this telephone, a few yards of tion. When it has done its work the light emergency wire and a short piece board takes control of the completed of heavy wire to make the ground conship. Many ships it turns over to nection can "cut in" anywhere along the navy or to the army. Others go the mere than 20,000 miles of forest to the Italian and the French govern- service telephone lines and get in touch ments to transport much needed mu- with the headquarters of a supervisor nitions and supplies to their troops. or district ranger. To talk, one end of the emergency wire is thrown over the vate shipping companies to be operated by them under an arrangement nected to the portable instrument, and The \$1,000,000,000 steel trust is the instrument is connected to the no longer the biggest business. The thrust into the damp earth or in water. Shipping Board is bigger. Congress Contact with the line wire is made has authorized it to spend \$1,800.

> The instrument, writes E. L. G., in St. Nicholas, does not ring the bell of small megaphone-shaped apparatus descriptively known as a "howler," This instrument is installed at the ranger tions having held with it for a distance of 1,000 miles.

Flameless and Smokeless Powder, All ships equipped with machine guns run a certain degree of risk from an explosion caused by the flame at the muzzle of the gun. Hence considerable study has been devoted to obviating this danger, and a young Florentine chemist is said to have recently given a demonstration before an Italian military commission of a new powder invented by him which burns without either flame or smoke and does not flare on detonation.

"Wonder why Justice is represented as a woman." telephone, weighing only two and a ' "Perhaps because it is something a half pounds and so practical that it man is always after."-Boston Tr